diligence shown that the Earl of Essex was on land near Puntal, about a league from Cadiz, with 8,000 shot and pikes, with lam was the Earl of Sussex, the Earl Lodowick of Nassau, the Lord Burke of Ireland, and divers other gentlemen adventurers So soon as he was landed, the Earl of Essex despatched the Sergeant Major, Sir Christopher Blount, and Sir Thomas Gerrard with their regiments to the Puente de Suazo, with charge to impeach the passage so that no succours might come to the Spaniards into the Isle of Leon , to break down that engine by help where- of the galleys might pass, and to surprise or force the castle at the head of the bridge, called *by* the Dutch 'Herod's house* Meanwhile the Earl of Essex, having for his guide Captain William Morgan, marched apace with his army toward the town, although in no hope to lodge therein that night Upon the way he was encountered with 400 or 500 cavalleros of Xeres and 600 or 700 footmen, but without any great difficulty they were beaten back and ran into the town, offering to shut the gates But my Lord made such haste that he entered with his troops pell-mell with them, and some made such shift to get into the town that they climbed over the walls

By this time the Lord Admiral had landed his battle of some 1,200 or 1,500 men and followed the Earl with a very round march, being accompanied with all the chief commanders of sea and captains of ships with their retinue, among them the Lord Thomas Howard and Sir Walter Ralegh, who was not able to march so fast as the rest by reason that he was hurt in the leg with a splinter in the fight with the galleons When the Lord Admiral came into the town, he found the Earl of

Essex skirmishing and fighting with the Spaniards, who fought and fled still before him Others threw down stones from the battlements of houses which annoyed much our soldiers But after the forces of both the Generals were joined together, the fight and resistance of the Spaniards continued not long, for they fled into the Castle and into the Town-house in the market place, and other strong places And here Sir John Wingfield riding upon a nag unarmed, having been hurt before in the thigh, was shot in the head from a loop m the Castle, whereof he instantly died. Before night the Town-house was taken, and therein the Generals lodged, being now masters of